

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE HELD
ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH AND BY
MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024**

Present: Councillor Mark Irvine (Chair)

Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess	Councillor Ian MacQuire
Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy	

Attending: Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Claire Kennedy, Depute Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy
Mhairi Stewart, Depute Head Teacher, Hermitage Academy
Rona Gold, Communities & Partnership Manager
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next Policy and Resources Committee but once again it was not on the agenda. Why was that?

We had heard that this Committee would be holding a Business Day to discuss the bids further, has this happened? If not, when will it happen, who will be involved and how will

The Project Manager advised that there was no intention to cast dispersion on anyone in the Roads and Infrastructure weekly update to Members and that it was simply to highlight the increase of vandalism and littering in that area.

Question 2

This is the third quarterly meeting I have brought up the issue of drainage and flooding which continues to be an issue in the locality, especially due to the increased rainfall in the last week.

Plastic Free Helensburgh are keen to work with the Council on these issues and would like to have a campaign locally to ensure the community are looking after the drainage system but we feel we cannot do this in an enabling way without support from the Council. I have been told that the drains are classed as 'not blocked' if there is no standing water on them, which doesn't help when the town is built on a hill.

Can the Committee ensure this issue will be looked into?

The Chair advised that there is a significant amount of ongoing work looking into drainage and that further discussions on this matter would take place at the Roads and Infrastructure Services Update item.

Councillor MacQuire advised that clarification is needed on when drains are being cleared as he had received mixed communications from the Roads Department.

Lindsey Young, Cyclepath Action Group

I would like the Committee to consider the outstanding work undertaken WSP which is listed in the Helensburgh, Cardross and Dumbarton Cyclepath update report. A lot of this work can only be done in the summer months, consequently if it is not done within the next 2 or 3 months it won't be able to be done until next year, meaning another year to wait. Can the Committee ensure that these studies are completed this summer?

The Chair advised that he would raise Ms Young's comments to the Project Lead at the agenda item.

5. POLICE SCOTLAND UPDATE

Consideration was given to an update which provided information on the ongoing work of the Service and information on crime statistics; engagement with housing providers and Argyll & Bute ASB to target anti-social behaviour among individuals and properties; support to reduce the impact of acquisitive crime; continuing to support and improve awareness to front-line officers to ensure they are equipped and trained to provide a victim centred approach; road safety work and youth engagement activities.

Decision

6. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTAINMENT REPORTS

(a) Hermitage Academy

The Committee heard from Ms Kennedy and Ms Stewart, Depute Head Teachers at Hermitage Academy, who spoke to the school report which had been provided to Members. The report included information on S3 ACEL attainment in literacy and numeracy; the pass rates of national qualifications; and data from Insight Scotland. Information in relation to wider achievement qualifications; equity and attainment; and Pupil Equity Funding was also provided.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee noted and considered the contents of the report and information provided.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated June 2024, submitted)

7. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ4 2023/24

The Committee gave consideration to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 4 of 2023/24 (January to March 2024) which illustrated the agreed performance measures for this period.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 15 May 2024, submitted)

Having noted the officers in attendance, the Chair advised that it was his intention to vary the order of business to take the following agenda items out of sequence. The order in which they are minuted, is the order in which discussion took place.

8. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided links to the recent activities of Roads and Infrastructure Services.

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(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated May 2024, submitted)

9. ARGYLL AND BUTE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORTS - FQ3 AND FQ4 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Health and Social Care Partnership Performance Reports for financial quarter 3 and 4 of 2023/24.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee considered and noted the Performance Reports for financial quarter 3 and 4 of 2023/24.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Planning, Performance and Technology, Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership, dated June 2024, submitted)

10. HELENSBURGH OUTDOOR MUSEUM - ARTS STRATEGY UPDATE JUNE 2024

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing background to the Helensburgh Outdoor Museum, its governance and funds. The report also invited Elected Members to take up the Chair and Vice Chair roles of the Design Panel as well as seeking approval for a change to the Terms of Reference.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee:

1. agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee be invited to fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Design Panel; and
2. approved the change to the Terms of Reference to allow the Design Panel to approve variation to funding amounts of approved applications that do not amount to more than the 50% of the total project costs.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 30 April 2024, submitted)

11. SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2024/25

Consideration was given to a report which detailed recommendations for the award of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) for the 2024/25 round of funding that had been made available for distribution by Council to organisations in the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Decision

The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agreed that the 17 applications, marked as 'Award' and 'Partial Award' within Appendix 1 of the report, are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund Budget totalling £31,175.50, as follows:



(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated May 2024, submitted)

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

A report asking the Committee to consider making appointments to a number of local bodies/organisations within the Helensburgh and Lomond area was considered.

Decision

The Committee agreed to make the following appointments:

Organisation	Elected Member
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The Helensburgh and Lomond Committee noted the contents of the workplan.

(Reference: Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee workplan, dated 11 June 2024)

Having noted members intentions to raise questions that would likely involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the Chair moved and the Area Committee agreed to the exclusion of the press and public in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.